STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: Innovative Systems Technology, Inc. D.B.A. Briggs & Baker Innovative Systems Technology, Inc. Briggs & Baker, *Financial Services Provider* 27201 Tourney Road, Suite 204

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DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

- 1. Subject Innovative Systems Technology, Inc.; Innovative Systems Technology, Inc. D.B.A. Briggs & Baker; Briggs & Baker, *Financial Services Provider*, Jack Briggs (a.k.a. John David Briggs); Todd A. Baker; Darren Lee Albrecht; Darrin Baker, and/or others working in concert or participation with them, engaged in the following activities in violation of the Check Sellers, Bill Payers and Proraters Law pursuant to the California Financial Code section 12000, et seq.
- 2. Subjects placed advertisements in print, radio and/or other media, including Internet Web sites offering services to California consumers, among others, as a credit services organization, debt negotiator, credit counselor or prorater promising to reduce large amounts of their existing credit debt, and improve their credit. These advertisements include as an example saving 50%, 60% even 75% off your credit card balance by enrolling with subjects who will act as debt negotiators for the consumer. Subjects

represented to consumers that they make arrangements with creditors for payment of a debtor's obligations.

3. The Department of Corporations has jurisdiction of and regulates proraters under the Check Sellers, Bill Payers and Proraters Law is under the Department's jurisdiction. California Financial Code section 12200, states:

No person shall engage in the business, for compensation, of selling checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper serving the same purpose, or of receiving money as agent of an obligor for the purpose of paying bills, invoices, or accounts of such obligor, or acting as a prorater, nor shall any person, without direct compensation and not as an authorized agent for a utility company, accept money for the purpose of forwarding it to others in payment of utility bills, without first obtaining a license from the commissioner.

- 4. The California Corporations Commissioner has not licensed any of the above named subjects in this State to act as a prorater as defined in California Financial Code section 12002.1.
- 5. Members of the public have provided funds to subjects based upon assurances and representations that the subjects will assist them in reducing their debts and negotiate with their creditors and distribute payments.
- 6. Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations

 Commissioner is of the opinion that subjects are engaged either actually or through subterfuge, in the business of prorating as defined in the Check Sellers, Bill Payers and Proraters Law without a license from the Commissioner.

Pursuant to Financial Code section 12103 the California Corporations

Commissioner hereby orders subjects Innovative Systems Technology, Inc. D.B.A.

Briggs & Baker; Innovative Systems Technology, Inc.; Briggs & Baker, *Financial Services Provider;* Jack Briggs (a.k.a. John David Briggs); Todd A. Baker; Darrin

Baker and others acting in concert or participation with them to desist and refrain

	1	from engaging in the business as a prorater unless and until they are licensed or
	2	exempt. This Order is necessary, in the public interest and for the protection of
	3	consumers.
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	5	Dated: September 18, 2002
	6	Sacramento, California
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